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SEC. 51. *Hotels, restaurants, bakeries, food stores, etc., permits required.*—Every person, firm, or corporation engaging or hereafter purposing to engage in the business of keeping, maintaining, conducting, or operating any store, shop, stand, meat market, butcher stall, or business in the county of New Hanover for the retail of fish, game, poultry, or butcher's meat, or engaging or hereafter purposing to engage in the business of keeping, maintaining, and conducting any hotel, restaurant, lunch room, or other public eating room, bakery, soft-drink stand, ice-cream factory or parlor, confectionery, fruit stand, or any place keeping and operating or hereafter purposing to keep or operate a soda fountain shall file with the county health officer a written application for a permit to conduct and operate such business as is hereinbefore described, which application shall state the name of the applicant or applicants, his or their place of residence, and the character of business and location for which a permit is desired on blanks furnished by the health department for this purpose. All persons or corporations from and after the adoption of this regulation purposing to engage in any such business shall first file such application. The said county health officer shall thereupon examine, or cause to be examined, the sanitary conditions of the place proposed to be occupied or occupied for such business, and if such place be found to be in such sanitary condition and in such situation that such business can be conducted therein without danger to the public health, then the said county health officer shall recommend to the board of health that such permit be granted. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to maintain or operate such business as hereinbefore described unless such person, firm, or corporation shall have been granted a permit so to do by the board of health. The permit so issued shall be kept conspicuously posted in the place for which the same is issued. Any permit issued hereunder may be revoked by the board of health upon satisfactory evidence that the holder thereof disregards, neglects, or wilfully refuses to abide by the sanitary regulations of the county of New Hanover, or who fails, neglects, or refuses to obey any proper order or instructions given by the board of health or by any authorized agent of the board of health for the purpose of remedying or correcting any insanitary condition or thing found within or about the place covered by such permit.

Any person, firm, or corporation who shall operate or conduct any of the businesses mentioned in this section without a permit as herein required, or shall operate or conduct such business after the revocation of such permit shall be subject to a penalty of \$50, and each day such business shall be so conducted or operated shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.